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Noted, Steven – thanks. Will also wait to hear from those who ‘trump’ you. 😊 Teasing, of course.

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All –

Some comments from me – Peter & Barry may have differing opinions (they trump me)

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DUE: 4PM; FRIDAY, 12/18

OUTLET: American Public Media

Peter, Barry, and Steven,

Below and attached for your review are responses to the first set of questions from American Public Media regarding public housing and Superfund sites. We received a second set of questions yesterday at 6:26pm that are due next week on 12/22 and are working to develop response for those now. We will have responses to you for the second set by Monday morning.

Region 10 contributed to the response to question 4 below and are also looped-in to the second set of questions we received yesterday. My thinking was OPA would run these responses by HUD prior to finalization. Please let me know if there's another approach you'd like to take to get these draft responses to HUD. Methi will be covering tomorrow so please keep her in the loop as well.

If possible, please let us know by 4pm tomorrow, 12/18, if you have any input on the questions below or if you're ok with them going to OPA.

Thanks,
Matt

INQUIRIES AND RESPONSES BELOW:

1. When the EPA mapped out the public housing near superfund investigation sites, why was the 1 mile range used? Is there something significant about this distance when it comes to potential exposures? If so, can you explain?

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2. What dates did the MOU committee meet in 2020.

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3. Did anything ever come out of the discussion about the housing around the Bunker Hill mining site that's referenced in the Nov. 2017 committee meeting minutes? (I got those through FOIA, fyi)

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4. Has EPA made any effort to inform residents at any of these properties (mapped by EPA and referenced in the MOU) about the concerns expressed in the MOU? If so, whom did you inform and when? If not, why not?

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5. In 2018/2019, the committee was collaborating on a “No Further Action letter” or “Site Safe Letter” for residential use. I believe the idea was to ensure that proper remediation of contaminated sites has been completed and is acceptable for constructing residential units with site specific conditions for use. Were those ever completed? If so, I’d like to know more about the letter, if it’s gone out to housing authorities and an example of a place or two that’s gotten one.

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6. Any other accomplishments or significant work around the issue or MOU committee’s work that you can highlight would be good to know.

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7. Former EPA staffers have told us that there have been internal discussion at the agency about lowering the cleanup level for lead in soil below 400 ppm. Is this change imminent? If not, why has EPA not lowered its lead level from 400 ppm even after the CDC has changed its guidance about lead in 2011?

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